

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 are rejected. Claims 2, 3, 6, and 8 are objected to. Claim 4 has been amended. No new matter has been added. The rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed in light of the amendments and following remarks, and reconsideration is requested.

Objections to the Specification and Abstract

Parts of the disclosure and abstract are objected to because of informalities. The specification and abstract have been appropriately corrected as suggested by the Examiner.

The only informality suggested by the Examiner which was not changed was the suggestion that "compact" should be "compactness" on page 4, line 14 and on page 6, line 11. Applicants submit that "compact" is in the correct form in these two sentences.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 is objected to because of informalities. Claim 4 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Double Patenting and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,604,771 B2.

The Examiner has indicated Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 would be allowable if a timely filed terminal disclaimer were submitted. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this Response to Office Action. Thus, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-3, 6, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that with the submission of the terminal disclaimer, Claims 2-3, 6, and 8 are now dependent upon an allowable base claim and are thus in condition for allowance.

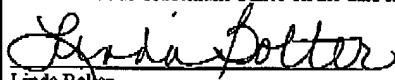
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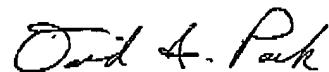
For the above reasons, Applicants believe pending Claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance and allowance of the Application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone Applicant's Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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